

Time in its travels discloses  
Plays that the fans may have missed;  
Brain work that led to the winning;  
Errors that we should have missed.

# A.E.F. INVITES ALLIES TO GREAT OLYMPIC GAMES

But Time, as it tells us the story  
Of those who have played in the Game,  
Enhances for winners the glory,  
And softens for others the shame.

## SUPER-OLYMPIC GAMES TO BE HELD IN PARIS IN SPRING

Twenty-One Nations Asked to Compete by C-in-C. of A.E.F.

### FRENCH APPROVE OF PLAN

Monster Stadium at Colombes to Be Scene of Greatest Athletic Meet in History

The greatest Olympic meet the world has ever seen will be held in Paris in May or June.

With the sanction of the French, the Commander-in-Chief of the A.E.F. has issued an invitation to the 21 nations associated with the United States in the war to take part in an athletic tournament unique in the annals of sport.

Not only will the coming games take first rank in importance athletically, but they will further strengthen the bonds of understanding between the A.E.F. and their comrades in arms, and be a fitting close to the greatest military struggle of modern times. They are open to any officer or man who took part in the war.

No financial obligation is imposed upon the armies of the Allies invited to participate, as the American Army, acting as host, is prepared to pay all expenses in co-operation with the various welfare agencies operating with it.

### To Use Colombes Stadium

Arrangements have been made with the National Racing Club of France for the use of the Colombes Stadium, 14 kilometers from Paris, the site of the 1900 Olympic games. The stadium will be placed in first-class condition and, with its excellent running track and several playing fields suitable for baseball and football, will be an ideal spot to hold the games. The grandstand has a seating capacity of 26,000. Dressing rooms are also available.

It is probable that a small Games Committee, selected by the Chief Athletic Officer of the American Army, will be the responsible agency for all matters connected with the games. It is expected that the committee will invite the various armies to designate two delegates from each to sit as an advisory council in giving advice and assistance in matters of selection of events, appointment of officers and other general matters. The committee will also be responsible for the winning athletes have already been provided for and will be of artistic merit and symbolic design. It is expected that, in addition, team trophies will be presented.

### General Pershing's Letter

General Pershing's letter inviting the French to participate in the tournament was as follows:

The officers and men of the American Expeditionary Forces, being kindly representative of the splendid relations which exist among those who have fought and are now fighting for the common cause, and which, in the present instance, have so happily developed into such deep feelings of mutual respect and comradeship, are anxious to preserve and strengthen this relationship in every way possible.

Now that active military operations have ceased, the time has come when it is more conducive to this end than to further, in friendly competition on the field of sport, representatives of the armies of each of the nations which have so bravely and so gallantly fought together in the storm struggle for right.

Accordingly, they have decided to organize an inter-Allied athletic meeting, to be held in the Colombes Stadium, Paris, during the month of May or June, 1919, in which the officers and men of all of these armies shall be eligible to take part.

As the Commander-in-Chief of the American Expeditionary Forces, I have the honor, therefore, to invite, through you as their Commander-in-Chief, the officers and men of the armies of France to participate in these contests and to express the earnest hope that many of them may do so, so that the ties of the much cherished spirit of comradeship which have sprung from the gallant joint effort of our forces on the battlefield may thus be even more closely cemented.

Similar letters were addressed to the other 20 nations associated with the United States in the war.

## YANK BOXERS WILL TOUR SUNNY ITALY

News Causes Excitement Among Italians in the A.E.F.

The plumpest little plum that has fallen off the boxing tree this winter comes in the announcement that ten representatives of the American army are to be sent to the land of the Caesars to oppose the best boxers of the Italian army. It came in a wire to the Y.M.C.A.'s Department of Athletics from Bologna, Italy, last week, and, briefly, it provides the chance for a tour of some of the leading Italian cities, Bologna, Milan and Rome, by ten of the best mitt artists that can be selected.

The matter of selection is left in the hands of Jimmie Bronson, former lightweight of Joplin, Mo., and known throughout the middle west as a successful promoter. He is the presiding genius of the bouts that are staged so successfully at the Palais de Glace.

Bronson will keep an eye on all the lads that appear at his evening shows to see if special talent is manifest, but he has declared that he wants the pick of the whole A.E.F. and that if necessary he will travel several hundred kilometers to locate the right men. The date of the trip is unsettled, but the team will probably be selected within two weeks.

Needless to say, the announcement struck the bullseye with every Italian in the uniform of Uncle Sam now in France.

## SEVEN TEAMS TO FIGHT IT OUT IN A.E.F. FINALS

G.H.Q. has amended the regulations under which the A.E.F. championships are to be conducted, permitting G.H.Q. at Chaumont and the District of Paris to each have a team entered in the finals of all team events, in addition to the two teams that will represent the S.O.S. and one each from the First, Second and Third Armies.

These teams will be All-Star aggregations picked from the entire personnel of the Army or S.O.S., but will be those winning the championship of the different Armies or the S.O.S.

"Doing anything for your itch?"  
"Yes, scratching it."

### PAST OLYMPIC GAMES

1896—Athens, Greece.  
1900—Paris, France.  
1904—St. Louis, U.S.A.  
1906—Athens, Greece.  
1908—London, England.  
1912—Stockholm, Sweden.

## WHOLE A.E.F. GOES IN FOR ATHLETICS

Army Program and Olympic Games Hold Interest of All Ranks

General Order 241, issued at G.H.Q., Chaumont, and detailed in last week's THE STARS AND STRIPES, providing for the new enlarged army athletic program, has transformed the A.E.F. into a veritable beehive of athletic industry. From all over France, from Bordeaux to far-off Coblenz, where the crack of the bat is now no strange sound in the land of the ex-Kaiser, and from the Mediterranean to Belgium, there are things doing that would keep a young army of sporting editors busy, did they have the sporting pages to fill.

Close on the heels of the general order which prescribes this vast athletic program for the whole A.E.F., has come General Pershing's letter inviting the 21 Allied nations to a Super-Olympic, an inter-Allied military athletic meet, some time in May or June. The promise of many of these nations that they will enter teams has already been secured.

### Can the U.S. Retain Its Laurels?

Now there are two great questions in the minds of every member of the A.E.F. Can his particular division, or share in the glory of any of the A.E.F. championships? And can the U. S. Army retain the prestige won by former American athletes in the Olympic games of the last generation?

These are questions of all-absorbing interest to the new million members of the A.E.F. now in France that has never been equalled anywhere, for a similar length of time, in the history of world athletics.

The welfare agencies operating with the army are similarly on the qui vive in facing the big opportunity which is before them. The terms of G.O. 241 places upon the Y.M.C.A. in particular a heavy responsibility and a golden opportunity to render real service.

Paragraph 4 of the order reads:—  
The Y.M.C.A., with the approval of the Commander-in-Chief, has organized a Department of Athletics and is prepared to give every assistance in the development of general athletics and the arrangement and management of competitions between military units. It has a large number of specially trained physical directors with wide experience in mass play and in other athletic activities now in its ranks in France. It has also a large number of qualified men who have been named Divisional Athletic Directors under the terms of G.O. 241. Army, Regional and Corps men have also been appointed and are actively at work.

The Y.M.C.A. now has 325 physical directors with the A.E.F., touching every important area where American troops are quartered from the southern and western extremes of France into Germany on the east and Belgium on the north. Already 109 particularly qualified men have been named Divisional Athletic Directors under the terms of G.O. 241. Army, Regional and Corps men have also been appointed and are actively at work.

It has distributed already, through its Department of Athletics, \$500,000 worth of athletic supplies to members of the A.E.F. in anticipation of the fact that this general order would put upon it, the Association has made provision for its entire 1919 outlay of athletic goods, and has been advised by cable from its New York agents that this entire stock valued at \$1,200,000 is now being loaded on ships in America and will all be on its way to France on or before January 21.

An appropriation has been made by the Association for all the individual prizes to be given in the A.E.F. championship and also in the inter-Allied Olympic games, more than 2,000 in all, as individual members of winning teams are also to receive personal prizes.

The other welfare agencies operating in France, in connection with these two big athletic events now scheduled for the A.E.F., are also included in the order in the following paragraph:—  
In carrying out the work outlined in this order, the Y.M.C.A. will seek the participation and assistance of the personnel of the other auxiliary welfare agencies in such way as to obtain the maximum efficiency and results.

### BOUTS AT G.H.Q.

Staid and dignified General Headquarters laid aside its dignity Friday night and assembled en masse in the Y.M.C.A. Auditorium when boxing made its official debut in Chaumont. General Staff officers mingled with buck privates and between bouts, while the 48 piece band of the Master Musicians and Musicians School made the rafters rattle, were carried back to fistic battles of their college days.

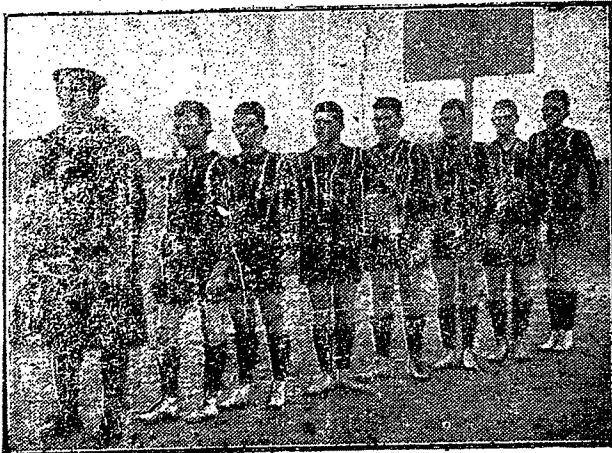
Five top-notch contests of the "knock-him-down and take-him-away" variety were on the program. Herb Lewis, P.G.M., who confessed Massachusetts was his home, and Tom Connolly, Repair Shop, another "Reconqueror," opened the show. When they finished mopping each other up the referees called the bout a draw.

Sgt. Joe Sharp and Jimmy Sipes, members Co. C, fought a three round draw. The bout between Henry Strohmeyer, Co. C, and A. J. Dietrich, Co. H, 29th Engineers, terminated in the second round when Strohmeyer fouled and was ruled out.

In the semi-finals, Herbert Green, P.Q.M., and Kid Dayton, 186th Aero Squadron, gave an exhibition of good, clean boxing which ended without a decision. "Baldy" Bigelow, Co. C, and Harry Rose, Co. H, 29th Engineers, fought four rounds in the final match, Bigelow winning.

Col. Wait C. Johnson, Chief Athletic Officer of the A.E.F., has appointed Lieutenant Allan H. Muhr Athletic Officer for the District of Paris.

## TOURING THE BRITISH FRONT



In response to an official request from the British Army authorities, the basketball team of the 143rd Field Artillery is making a tour of the British area with the Only Acceptance Park free in order to demonstrate how the great American game of basketball is played. The team is under the official direction of Captain Fred C. Thompson, former National All-Around Amateur Athletic Champion, the California lad who a few years ago astonished sport critics by breaking the records of Martin Sheridan and Jim Thorpe. It has been stationed at Bordeaux, and in its stay there, and during its play for the divisional championship in California last fall and winter, it won fifty-two games without meeting defeat. Both teams were entirely equipped by the Y.M.C.A., and the tour is under the management of C. B. Jamison, one of the Association's physical directors.

Left to right the men in the picture are: Captain Fred C. Thompson, Bernard G. Hyde, Ralph Kendrick, Captain Al C. White, Douglas Potwin, John White, Harry Burton and Raymond Griffin.

## GOBS CAPTURE BREST WELTERWEIGHT TITLE

Morris Eliminates Army Contender and Trims Woods in Final

Jimmy Morris, U.S.S. Tarbell, won the Brest Army-Navy welterweight championship by defeating George N. Woods, U.S.S. Bridgeport, at the Y.M.C.A. there Saturday night. Morris eliminated the Army in the preliminaries by winning the decision over "Smiling" Al Snyder, 166th Engineers. Woods outboxed "Shifty" Abrahams, U.S.S. Bridgeport, in the semi-finals.

Trophies are offered in these contests by Major General Lammie and Colonel Singleton, U.S.S., and by Vice Admiral Wilson and Captain Hallahan, U.S.N., the bouts being open to Brest Army and Navy men.

Tomorrow night finals will be run off in the middle-weight class, followed on January 25 by the light heavyweight, and on February 1 by the heavyweights finals.

## BOXING AT NEVERS

In elimination bouts held Friday at Nevers to determine the men in the 19th Division who will represent that unit in the A.E.F. championship, a number of exceptionally good boxers were uncovered. Among these was Weisberg, winner of the bout with Farley. In defeating his opponent he showed ability that will carry him a long way toward the finals.

The star scrap of the evening was a set-to between Johnny Summers, a middleweight from Brooklyn, and Max Waxer, of Philadelphia. Both boys proved to be rugged, aggressive, hard hitting fighters and the spectators were treated to six rounds of fast milling. Johnny Clark and Red McCarx, 107th Transportation Company, fought a three round draw. In the semi-finals, Cole, 107th Transportation Company, and Coombs, 110th Transportation Company, fought four even rounds.

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## TEN U.S. ENTRIES IN FENCING MEET

Americans Hope to Score in Big Tournament at Strasbourg

Although fencing has but few followers in the United States, compared with other sports, the United States will be well represented in the International Fencing Tournament which will be held in Strasbourg in March under the auspices of the Knights of Columbus.

Ten American entries have already been received and at least double that number are expected before the date of the tournament, which was originally planned for February.

One American entrant who should prove a sure point winner is George T. Lamothe, American and Canadian champion with the broadsword, sword foil, bayonet and lance, mounted and foot. Lamothe also holds the world's record for sword swinging (12 hours and 22 minutes).

The other American entries are: Lieut. Col. Scott D. Breckinridge, commanding officer, Base Hospital 69; 1st Lieut. Grant H. Code, Infantry; Sgt. Donald B. Wadhams, Sanitary Detachment, 68th Artillery, C.A.C.; Sgt. Charles P. Ryan, Co. D, 18th Engineers, (Railway); Sgt. James M. Howson, Section 3, Mobile Operating Unit No. 1, Division of Surgery; Col. Harry B. Guilan, Co. B, 102nd Field Signal Battalion; Cpl. A. Van Stockum, 137th Aero Squadron; Pvt. Edwin A. Leebon, 108th French Motor Battalion; Pvt. Courtland W. Bude, 638th Aero Squadron (Pursuit); and Pvt. Vernon C. Webb, Medical Repair Shop No. 1.

D'Orey, the famous swordsman, has offered to train the American fencers which insures their being in fine mettle for the contests.



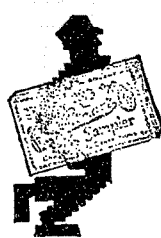
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One of the best football games ever played on French soil will take place Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Colombes Stadium in Paris, when the 36th Division team, champions of the First Army Corps, will lock horns with Eddie Hart's St. Nazaire eleven, which claims the gridiron honors of the S.O.S. by virtue of its victory over Bordeaux on New Year's Day.

Lt. Col. Nelly, Adjutant, First Army Corps, swears by his team, and says the contest Sunday can already be safely counted as a victory for the 36th Division. Lt. Col. T. J. Johnson, officer in charge of athletics, Base Section 1, is just as certain that the tide of fortune will favor St. Nazaire.

The coming contest has aroused the most intense interest throughout the S.O.S., and especially at St. Nazaire, Montoir and Savenay. A special train will be run tomorrow from St. Nazaire to Paris carrying 1,000 rooters, officers and men. A committee of officers from St. Nazaire came to Paris yesterday to arrange hotel accommodations.

### Changes in St. Nazaire Line-up

St. Nazaire will probably take the field with a different line-up from that used in the game with Bordeaux. Several of the team's star players, including Lt. Gravel Williams, University of Pennsylvania man, have sailed for America, and Lt. Eddie Mahan, the Harvard star, may not play, as he is sailing shortly. As a result, St. Nazaire will have a new backfield and four new men in the line. Lt. Hart has had his team practicing hard at Camp Montoir, but the continual rain has proved a handicap.

The team held a big dinner last night at the Grand Hotel, celebrating its victory over Bordeaux. Col. J. S. Sewell, Col. W. F. Cray and Lt. Eddie Hart were the principal speech-makers.

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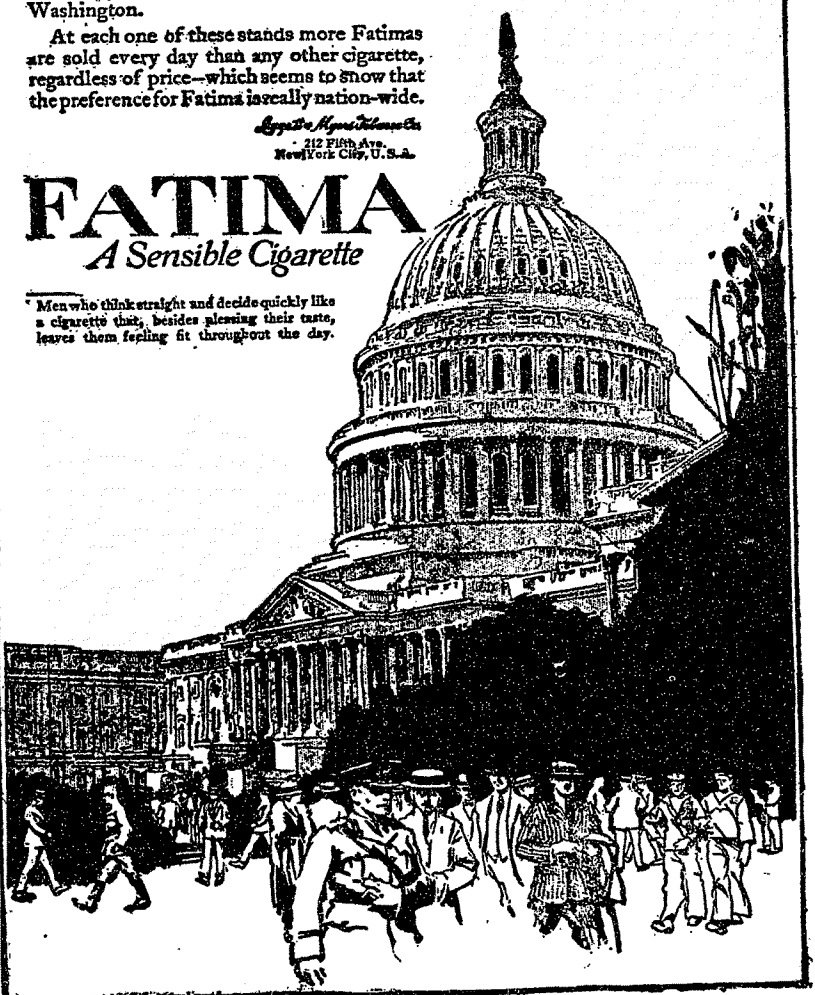
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